

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made concurrently with National Stage entry of PCT/FR2003/003221.

1. Claim Amendments

The published International Application contained claims 1-19. Claims 1-19 had been replaced by claims 1-11 during International prosecution. Claims 1-11 are attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report.

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-19 in favor of claims 20-36. Claims 20-36 contain identical subject matter to claims 1-19, except that multiple dependency was eliminated. In addition, the preferred ranges recited in the independent claims has been presented in dependent claims herein.

2. Specification Amendments

Page 2 of the Application has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 1-19 of the published International Application.

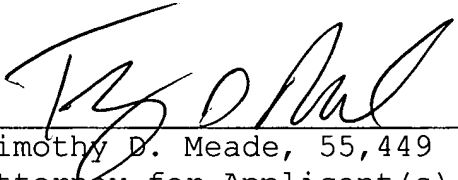
3. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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